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DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

RE: UNITED STATES v. BERNARD ROBERTS

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that Bernard Roberts, age 28, of 36 Marie Avenue, Newark, New York, pled guilty in front of the Honorable David G. Larimer, United States District Court Judge, to receiving child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that on October 30, 2004, Roberts possessed child pornography on a computer and computer-related equipment he owned. Some of the images depicted pre-pubescent children or minors under twelve years old engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Roberts also

admitted that he downloaded and distributed child pornography through a "Panzer file server". There were more than 600 images of child pornography, some of which portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the direction of Peter Smith, Special Agent in Charge.

Sentencing for Roberts is scheduled for July 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Robert's anticipated sentence will be between 121 and 151 months.

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